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SUBJ: SUPPLEMENTAL NON-LETHAL ITEMS

REF (A) CAIRO 14059, (B) STATE 200930,

1. WHEN MEETING WITH GAMASY THIS MORNING, I RECALLED OUR DISCUSSION OF SOME TWO MONTHS AGO ABOUT CERTAIN NON-LETHAL ITEMS WHICH PRIVATE AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN SELLING TO GOE. AT THE TIME HE HAD SAID THAT THE MINISTRY OF WAR HAS NO INTEREST IN US MANUFACTURED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR UTILITY HELICOPTERS, BUT MIGHT HAVE SOME INTEREST IN TARGET DRONES AND PASSIVE NIGHT VISION DEVICES. I HAD HEARD NO MORE ABOUT THE MATTER FROM HIM AND WONDERED IF HE HAD ANY FUTURE PERTINENT THOUGHTS THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO CONVEY TO ME. IN THIS CONNECTION, I NOTED THAT VARIOUS AMERICAN COMMERCIAL FIRMS HAVE REQUESTS PENDING TO PURSUE WHAT THEY CLAIM IS AN EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN SOME OF THEIR PRODUCTS AND ARE PRESSING DEPT TO AGREE TO VISITS BY FIRMS' REPS.

2. GAMASY RECALLED OUR EALIER DISCUSSION. HE REITERATED THAT GOE HAS NO RPT NO INTEREST IN US MANUFACTURED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR UTILITY HELICOPTERS, BUT DOES HAVE SOME INTEREST IN TARGET DRONES AND PASSIVE NIGHT VISION DEVICES.
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GAMASY SAID EGYPTIAN MIL ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON CONTINUES TO BE DELUGED BY REPS OF AMERICAN COMMERCIAL FIRMS WHO WANT TO SELL EQUIPMENT, THE SALE OF WHICH THEY CLAIM IS AUTHORIZED. ALTHOUGH THE EGYPTIAN MIL ATTACHE HAS REPORTED THESE APPROACHES, THE MIN OF WAR HAS GIVEN NO REPLY. IF HE COULD BE ASSURED TARGET DRONS AND PASSIVE NIGHT VISION DEVICES WILL BE LICENSED, MINISTRY OF WAR WOULD BE WLLING LISTEN TO PROPOSALS.

3. GAMASY THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE PREFERS, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO PURCHASE HIS MIL REQUIREMENTS FROM EUROPEAN SOURCES. IT IS POLITICALLY LESS EMBARRASSING FOR GOE TO DO SO AND IS USUALLY CHEAPER. IN DEALING WITH AMERICAN FIRMS, THERE IS ALWAYS A HIGH DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER THE SAE OF THE PARTICULAR PRODUCT WANTED WILL IN FACT BE LICENSED. AT THE MINIMUM IT TAKES LONG PERIODS OF TIME BEFORE ANY ANSWER IS GIVEN. HE RECALLED THAT SOME OF THE ITEMS I HAD MENTIONED HAD FIRST BEEN RAISED AS LONG AS TWO YEARS AGO.

4. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ALSO ALLUDED TO DMI MG SHAWKAT'S RECENT TALKS WITH DATT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING SENSORS FOR USE IN THE EASTERN BORDER AREAS FROM THE US. HE HAD TOLD SHAWKAT THAT BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY THROUGH AMERICAN CHANNELS, AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ASCERTAIN IF SENSORS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN THE UK, FRANCE OF ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE. IF NOT, THEN MINWAR MIGHT WANT TO APPROACH US.
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